

HISTORIC SITE  
SURVEY INVENTORYA1-I-B-111  
A1-I-003

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: J.C. Smith Buildings (3 buildings)				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: U.S. Route 40, 1.6 miles west of Sidling Hill Creek				
CITY OR TOWN: eastern Allegany County				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Allegany	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered				
STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment				
<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum				
<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments vacant				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: James C. Smith, Jr. et al.				
STREET AND NUMBER: 5424 54th Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Riverdale			STATE: Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 351-249				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncolored	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located about 1.6 miles west of Sidling Hill Creek, the buildings stand on the north side of U.S. Route 40 in eastern Allegany County.

The complex consists of a two and a half story frame house and two one story frame garage and store buildings. The house consists of two perpendicularly placed blocks with gable roofs, a one story porch across the principle facades (south sides) of each block, and double-hung wooden sash windows with one-over-one lights.

The center building of the group, probably once used as a store has a gable roof and a frame porch around the entire structure. Sections of the porch are enclosed. This building has large windows across the facade (south side). The roof line runs north/south. A Mobil gas pump stands to the north of the building.

The eastern most of the group is a hip roof garage with a large sliding door on the front (south side) and a large lean-to on the back.

The three buildings appear to be structurally sound although vacant.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian  
☐ 15th Century

- ☐ 16th Century  
☐ 17th Century

- ☐ 18th Century  
☐ 19th Century

☒ 20th CenturySPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) early

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

- ☐ Prehistoric  
☐ Historic

☐ Agriculture☒ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape

Architecture

☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☒ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The most important buildings in this complex of three structures on the J.C. Smith property are the two garages and service buildings to the east of the house. The buildings along with the gasoline pump are reminders of the increasing importance of the automobile as a means of transportation in the early-mid twentieth century. Complexes such as this one combining residence and work cropped up all over the country. Unfortunately, few remain today as a record of a past way of life.

The present owners acquired the property in 1962 from their father, James C. Smith, who acquired the site about 1923.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NDMINATEO PROPERTY:

## Acreage Justification:

The buildings stand on a parcel of land that contains approximately 29.18 acres.

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

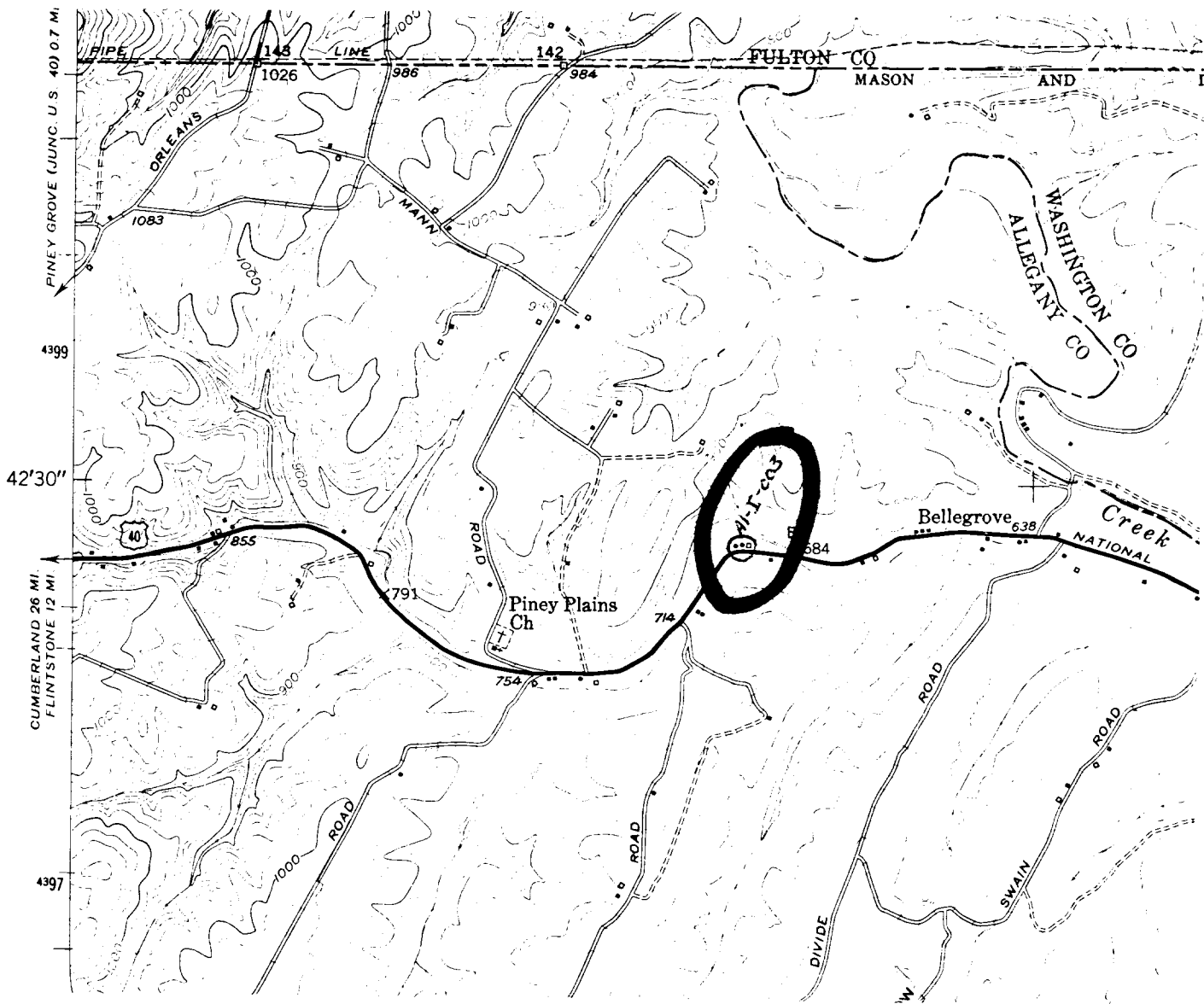
NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey	
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.	DATE 6/3/75
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510	
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Bellegrove, MD - PA - WV Quad  
 U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute series  
 1951  
 scale 1:24,000

Site #: AL-I-003<sup>β</sup>  
 J.C. Smith Buildings  
 U.S. Rt. 40, 1.6 miles  
 west of Sidling Hill Creek  
 eastern Allegany County



garage building + gasoline pump  
J. C. Smith Property  
U. S. Route 40  
Eastern Allegany Co., Md.  
N E view  
April, 1974

NE





garage buildings

J. C. Smith Property

U. S. Route 40

Eastern Allegany Co., Md.

S X view

April, 1974

SW

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house

J. C. Smith Property

U. S. Route 40

Eastern Allegany Co., Md.

S. E. view

April, 1974

SE

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